

# about Virginia Beach



Imagine if your backyard boasted over 30-miles of sandbox, a three-mile boardwalk, Navy jets, hundreds of restaurants, lively festivals, national recording acts at the Verizon Wireless Virginia Beach Amphitheater, 700,00 gallons of aquariums and all this was just 20 minutes from the Norfolk/Virginia Beach International Airport? Welcome to Virginia Beach – the East Coast’s number-one playground for kids and kids at heart.

Days spent playing in the surf, watching hermit crabs scurry about and riding atop waves are memories that children hold sacred. But, there’s a lot more to Virginia Beach that appeals to youngsters than just the sand and sea.

The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is Virginia Beach’s most visited attraction, showcasing the state’s marine ecosystem through shark, sea turtle and fish aquariums, 700,000 gallons of aquariums, 300 hands-on exhibits and the Virginia Aquarium IMAX® Theater. The museum’s knowledgeable staff of volunteers will tell you about sting rays, inhabitants of coastal marshes, and the plight of endangered sea species during your memorable tour of the aquarium.

What’s that sound you keep hearing overhead? Virginia Beach’s NAS Oceana is home of both F-14 Tomcat squadrons and the East Coast-based F/A- 18 Super Hornet aircraft. Base tours are available from Memorial Day through mid-September and allow kids to get a bird’s eye view of modern avionics. Note: Access to military bases may be restricted for public tours and a valid picture ID is required.

So, for a vacation that enriches the mind as much as the soul, visit Virginia Beach, where visitors “Live the Life” every season of the year. For more information call 800-VA-BEACH or visit [www.vbfun.com](http://www.vbfun.com) for online trip planning.

